



Summer 2015

Program Schedule



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FIRE ISLAND

Welcome to Fire Island

September 2014 marked the 50th anniversary of Fire Island National Seashore's creation when the Seashore kicked off a year-long celebration. This summer the festivities continue with programs and events highlighting the places, features and people that make Fire Island National Seashore a special place. The program guide outlines the 50th Anniversary's activities happening all summer long culminating Labor Day weekend with an island-wide celebration.

In addition to the programs, lectures, hikes, and other events planned at each of the Seashore's visitor areas on Fire Island and at the William Floyd Estate on Long Island, a special exhibit will open at the Watch Hill Ferry Terminal in Patchogue. The exhibit, "A River Runs to It," will celebrate the history of the Patchogue River and its connection to Fire Island as well as the significance of the ferry terminal's site. (See page 5.)

Although this past winter's snow and ice seemed to go on longer than usual, Seashore staff undertook several projects in our ongoing recovery from

Hurricane Sandy. The mile-long boat channel leading to Watch Hill was dredged to ensure safe access for ferries and private boats going to Watch Hill. At Sailors Haven, the electric service and decking around the marina are being replaced and upgraded. 2015's winter weather delayed the work at Sailors Haven. As we go to print the marina is closed to private boats but should reopen July 20 when the work is scheduled for completion. In the meantime, ferries are running to Sailors Haven and the beach and Sunken Forest remain as inviting as ever. At the Fire Island Lighthouse, the dock is being rebuilt and should be complete by mid-July allowing water taxis and charter ferries to again land to pick up and discharge passengers visiting the Lighthouse.

For several years the Seashore has been preparing a new general management plan. At the heart of this effort is the recognition that Fire Island is a special place and an important asset to the people of Long Island, New York State, and the nation as a whole. The plan identifies a number of challenges facing the

Seashore including climate change, sea level rise and overdevelopment. The plan calls for the Seashore's stakeholders to work collaboratively to ensure it remains a special place. The plan is available for public review and comment and can be found online at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/fiis. Readers can access the plan at this site or the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis to learn more about the plan.

Fire Island National Seashore is celebrating summer so come out and visit. Take in a ranger-led program, guided walk, hike, or historic house tour. Learn about horseshoe crabs, the night sky, the engineering of lighthouses, or the life of a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Join us for our island-wide culminating celebration on Labor Day weekend. But most of all have a great summer and enjoy Fire Island National Seashore.

Chris Soller



Superintendent

Park Map & Ferry Services



William Floyd Estate

The estate was home to William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and eight generations of the Floyd family. Take a guided tour of the Old Mastic house, see the grounds and Floyd family cemetery. Facilities include the Old Mastic House, trails, and a bookstore.

Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness

The Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness is New York State's only federally designated wilderness area. Facilities include a visitor center and bookstore, and nature trail.

Watch Hill

Watch Hill features an extensive salt marsh and access to the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. Facilities include a campground, public marina, visitor center and bookstore, restaurant, snack bar, gift shop and general store, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Sailors Haven

Sailors Haven is home to the 300-350 year old Sunken Forest, a globally rare holly maritime forest. Facilities include a public marina, visitor center and bookstore, snack bar, gift shop, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Fire Island Lighthouse

Explore maritime history at the Fire Island Lighthouse. Take a guided tour of the lighthouse tower; see exhibits inside the keepers quarters, Fresnel lens building, and historic boathouse.

Ferry Services

Davis Park Ferry
631-475-1665
www.davisparkferry.com
Patchogue/Watch Hill Ferry Terminal
631-758-4032

Sayville Ferry
631-589-8980
www.sayvilleferry.com

Fire Island Ferries
631-665-3600
www.fireislandferries.com

Fire Island Water Taxi
631-665-8885
www.fireislandwatertaxi.com

Backcountry Camping

Under the stars, listening to the sound of the surf, backcountry camping on Fire Island can be a memorable experience. Available by permit only, backcountry campers may camp in one of two zones within the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness year-round, or on the beach in front of each zone from March 15 through Labor Day.

Information: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wilderness-camping.htm

Reservations and Permits: www.recreation.gov



50th Anniversary Celebrations



We invite you to celebrate Fire Island National Seashore's 50th anniversary, to help honor the past and inspire the future.

Fifty Years of Fire Island Lecture Series

Every other Thursday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal, 150 West Avenue, Patchogue, New York 11772
For more information call: 631-687-4772

History of the Patchogue River

Thursday, July 2

Did you know shipbuilding was an important industry right here in Patchogue? Take a trip back in time with historian Steve Lucas as he shows images of the Patchogue River during the bustling boat-building era. Learn about historic boat yards, ship styles, and prominent boat builders like Gil Smith. "River Runs to It" exhibit will be on display.

Coyotes in New York? Is Long Island Next?

Thursday, July 16

Over the past two centuries, the coyote (*Canis latrans*) has undergone an amazing range expansion. Currently, Long Island is one of the few large land masses in the continental United States without a breeding population of northeastern coyote. Recently, coyotes have been changing their range and expanding across North America, suggesting a Long Island coyote population could be next. Come meet Dr. Mark Weckel, Science Research Mentoring Program Manager at the American Museum of Natural History to learn about these animals and what their expansion may mean.

Land, Sea, and Sky: The Artwork of Old Mastic

Thursday, July 30

Through the centuries, the Floyd/Nichols family and their guests painted or sketched life as they saw it on the William Floyd Estate. The varied artwork in this presentation depicts sailing, farm life, people, and hunting scenes, and provides a glimpse into Long Island's past. Enjoy and explore Old Mastic-inspired artwork from artists, both well known and unknown, and spanning from the 1850s to the 1970s.

BOFFO Fire Island Art Camp: Building Community Through the Arts

Thursday, August 13

Fire Island has long inspired artists from all disciplines. BOFFO is a non-profit dedicated to fostering collaborations between artists, designers, communities, theorists, and the media in the exploration of contemporary subject matter that informs the public through innovative, participatory public arts programming. Join BOFFO Executive Director and Co-Founder Faris Al-Shathir to learn more about this organization's work on Fire Island.

Maritime Culture of the Great South Bay

Thursday, August 27

When European settlers first came to the shores of the Great South Bay in the 1800s, they began a long history of harvesting shellfish and finfish, and building boats and ships to support the burgeoning region. Nancy Solomon, Executive Director of Long Island Traditions, will examine the traditions that continue to present day, ranging from decoy carving and duck hunting to fishing and boat-building. Be a part of the discussion and share your Great South Bay memories and stories.

Migration of Monarch Butterflies

Thursday, September 10

Beautiful and fragile, the monarch butterfly undertakes an arduous journey each fall and spring, to and from Mexico. The annual migration cycle of this butterfly has been described as the most spectacular in the insect world. Annie McIntyre, Long Island Regional Manager of the Environmental Office of New York State Parks, will discuss this fascinating creature, its life cycle, habitat needs, and the present threats to its survival.

Celebrate Fire Island's Past, Present, and Future



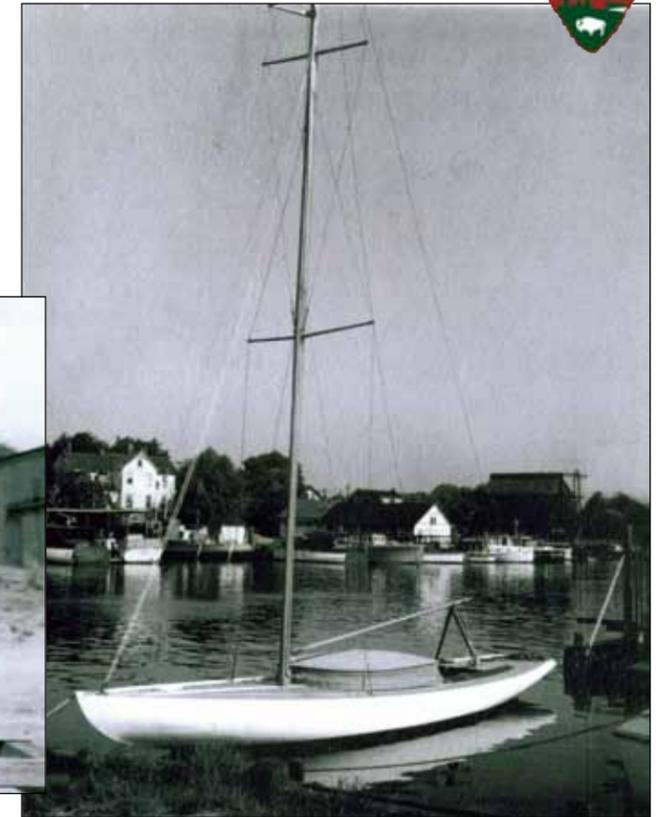
A River Runs to It

Weekends, June 27 through September 27

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 2, 5:30 pm–8:30 pm.

The Greater Patchogue Historical Society partners with Fire Island National Seashore for this exhibit about the history of the Patchogue River and its connection to Fire Island. See vintage photographs, circa 1800s hand drawn maps, and memorabilia.



50th Anniversary Panel Discussion

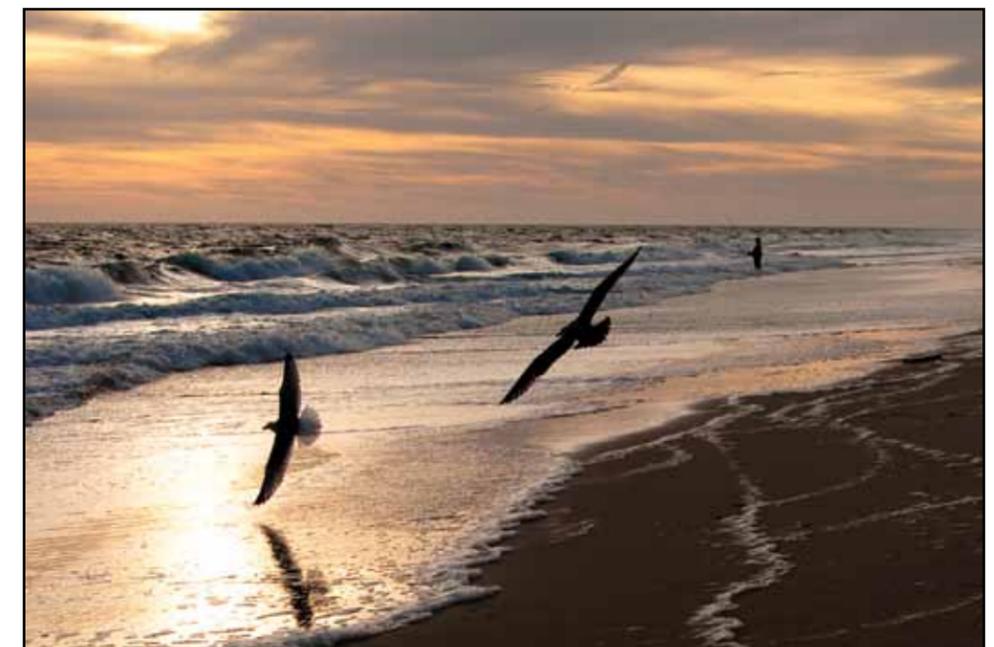
Monday, August 3, 7 pm–9 pm

Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library, 1 South Country Rd, Brightwaters, NY 11718

Join Fire Island leaders and community members to reflect on the past 50 years and look forward to the next 50.

50th Anniversary Photo Contest

Enter your best photograph of Fire Island National Seashore wildlife, landscape, people, or history in the 50th Anniversary Photo Contest and you could win a new zoom lens, courtesy of Tamron. Submission deadline: Labor Day, September 7. For more information please visit: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wildlifephotcontest.htm



"Along the Shore," 2014 Fire Island National Seashore Photo Contest Winner. NPS/Chris Utano

Labor Day Weekend 50th Celebrations

**Sunset Canoe Tour
Salt Marsh Exploration**
Friday, September 4
5 pm–7 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center
Reservations required; starting at 10 am the day of the program at the visitor center.

Glide along on a guided canoe tour of the Seashore's most extensive salt marsh. Space is limited. See page 8.

Sunset Breach Hike
Friday, September 4
6 pm–8:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center
Kick off the weekend with a sunset saunter to the wilderness breach. Explore the island's dynamic landscape. Round-trip walk: 3 miles.

**Evening Seaside Stroll:
Lighthouse to Kismet**
Friday, September 4
6:15 pm–7:45 pm
Robert Moses Field #5
Reservations required.
Join FILPS for this special walk to explore the natural and cultural history of the Lighthouse Tract as you walk from Field #5 to Kismet. Then hear from a Kismet resident about island life and enjoy the sunset at the Surfs Out. Walk back to the Field #5 on your own. Suggested donation: \$5

50 Years—50 Plants Tour
Saturday, September 5
9:30 am–11 am
William Floyd Estate

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Fire Island National Seashore and the gift of the William Floyd Estate, search for 50 species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and ferns with a park ranger along the roadsides of the William Floyd Estate. Can we find that magic number? Earn a 50th anniversary pin if we do.

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Hike through History
Saturday, September 5
3 pm–4:30 pm
Robert Moses Field #5

Step back in time as you walk from the Field #5 to the Lighthouse. Learn about the grassroots effort to protect Fire Island from development, leading up the 1964 establishment of Fire Island National Seashore. Explore the natural world of the barrier island and learn about Fire Island's iconic lighthouse as you walk.

**Enchanted Evening
Sunken Forest to Cherry Grove**
Saturday, September 5
4:30 pm–7:30 pm
Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Take the 3:45 pm Sayville ferry to Sailors Haven and join a park ranger to explore one of Fire Island's natural gems—the 300–350 year old Sunken Forest—and then a gem of a community—Cherry Grove. Bring a snack, drinking water, and be prepared for a 3 mile/3 hour program. Take the 7:50 pm Cherry Grove ferry back to Sayville.

**Maritime Music
with the Shipmates**
Saturday, September 5
7 pm–8:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center
It's an evening of sea shanties by the sea courtesy of our musical guest, the *Shipmates*. Sit back and enjoy the show, or contribute to the music making with your own acoustic instrument.

Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest

**Sunday, September 6
10 am–3 pm, Watch Hill & Sailors Haven**

Let the sands of Fire Island spark your creativity during this annual, end of summer sand sculpting contest. All ages and skills are welcome. Contest theme: By the Sea. Judging starts at 2 pm; awards/prizes at 3 pm.

50 Years of Fire Island

It's been fifty years since Fire Island National Seashore was established and it continues to be special place to live, work, and play. Come take an armchair tour of the natural and cultural treasures that exist on this unique barrier island. From the Fire Island Lighthouse to the extensive salt marshes of New York's only wilderness area, Fire Island National Seashore has something for everyone.

**Fire Island Lighthouse
Fresnel Lens Building**
Sunday, September 6
2 pm–3 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center
Sunday, September 6
2 pm–4 pm

After the indoor presentation, join a park ranger on the beach for a short stroll on Fire Island's beautiful shore.

**Watch Hill
Watch Hill Dune Station**
Monday, September 7
11 am–1 pm

After the indoor presentation, join a park ranger for a cross-island nature walk from ocean to bay.

Sailors Haven Visitor Center
Monday, September 7
11:15 am–1:30 pm

After the indoor presentation, tour the centuries old Sunken Forest.

Jr. Ranger Programs

**Junior Ranger: Fire Island 50
Saturdays; July 4–September 5
2 pm–3:30 pm**

Sailors Haven & Watch Hill
(Children 8–12 years)
Take a ranger-guided adventure and discover 50 Fire Island:

Feathered Friends	July 4
Fun in the Sand	July 11
Fancy Fish	July 18
Fantastic Fauna: Marine	July 25
Family Fun: A Friendly Game of Maritime Facts	August 1
Famous Fire Island Fables	August 8
Fabulous Flora	August 15
Finding Fauna: Deer	August 22
Family Fun: Future History	August 29
Fire Island Festivities	September 5

*Caregivers are encouraged to participate.

Floyd Junior Rangers
Fridays; July 10, 17, 31 & August 7
10 am–12 Noon
William Floyd Estate
(Children 10–12 years)

Reservations required: 631-399-2030.
Children and their caregivers are invited to participate in this ranger-guided program. Complete an activity booklet and earn your own copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Jr. Ranger Activity Booklets

At the William Floyd Estate, children ages 7–9, can earn a Junior Ranger badge anytime by taking a scheduled house tour, answering worksheet questions and exploring artifacts in the barns.

For children ages 5–12. Pick up a Jr. Ranger activity booklet at any beach visitor center, complete the required activities and return to receive your official Junior Ranger badge or patch.

For more fun, become a WebRanger. Visit: www.nps.gov/webrangers

Visitor Centers & Park Activities



William Floyd Estate

**Through November 11, 2015
Fridays–Sundays & Holidays**
Grounds: 9 am–5 pm
631-399-2030

Directions

By car via the William Floyd Parkway
245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach, NY
11951

LIE (I-495) or Sunrise Hwy (Rt.27) to William Floyd Parkway (2 miles) south. Make left onto Neighborhood Rd., to end of road, follow William Floyd Estate signs to main parking lot.

Old Mastic House Tours

**Fridays–Sundays & Holidays;
Through November 11
10 am–4 pm**

Walk through 25 rooms and 250 years of American history on this guided tour. Tours are every half-hour and are limited to 10 people. The House is only available by guided tour.

He Dared To Sign:

**Saturday, July 4
& Sunday, August 2
10:30 am–11:30 am**

William Floyd risked losing his house, property, and his head for daring to sign the Declaration of Independence. Born in Old Mastic House, William Floyd was a wealthy plantation owner and one of four New York signers of the Declaration of Independence. But did he really sign on July 4? Learn more about this brave man and other signers during this hour-long ranger-led program.

The Artwork of Old Mastic
Saturdays; August 15 & October 3
11 am–12:30 pm

Reservations required.

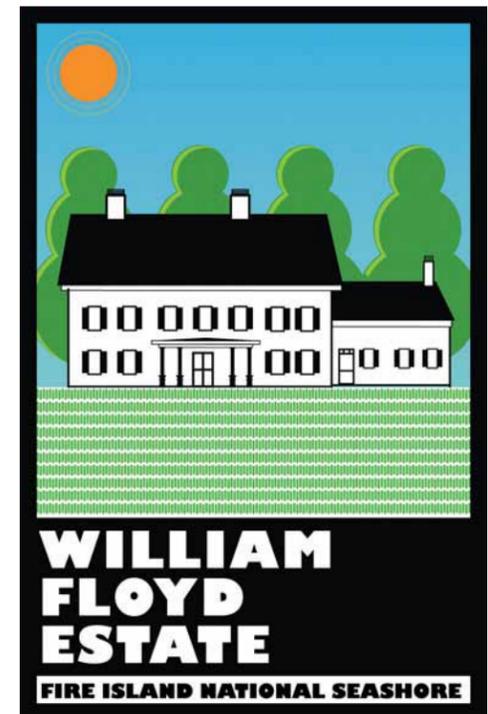
The William Floyd Estate inspired so many Floyd family members to paint or sketch. See their renderings of the house, fields, and forests. Take a tour of the house, learn about these artists, and view their art now on display.

50th Anniversary of the William Floyd Estate

**Saturday, October 10
& Sunday, October 11
12 Noon–2 pm**

Reservations required.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the gift of the Estate by the Floyd-Nichols family to the National Park Service. Join a park ranger for a special behind the scenes tour of the Old Mastic House and view family artifacts at the curatorial facility.



Wilderness Visitor Center

June 27–September 7, 2015
Wednesdays–Sundays, 9 am–4 pm
631-281-3010

Directions

By car or bus via the William Floyd Parkway, Mastic Beach, NY 11951

Located at the southern terminus of William Floyd Parkway. Parking available at Smith Point County Park. (Fee for parking)

Exploring a Dynamic Seashore
Sunday, July 5
2 pm–3:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Visit the ocean shore with a park ranger and explore how the wind and waves sculpt the beach, how dunes are formed, and how minerals in the sand tell a history lesson. For all ages.



Seaside Stories & Crafts: Fire Island's 50th Birthday

Saturday, July 11
2 pm–3:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Listen to stories about Fire Island National Seashore and join us in celebrating its 50th birthday!

Fire Island Photography Workshop

Saturday, July 18
6 pm–8 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Catch the light! Learn tips and techniques for photographing Fire Island's landscapes, wildlife, plants and people. After a short indoor presentation, head outdoors for some early evening practice with your camera.

Fishing with Pat

Sundays; July 19, August 16, & September 20
4 pm–6 pm

Wilderness Beach

Ranger Pat will be out surf fishing on the beach. Stop by to say hello and see what's running, or stay and learn how to cast your own line. Bring your own gear.

Seashore Shelling

Saturdays; July 25 & August 22
10 am–11:30 am

Wilderness Visitor Center

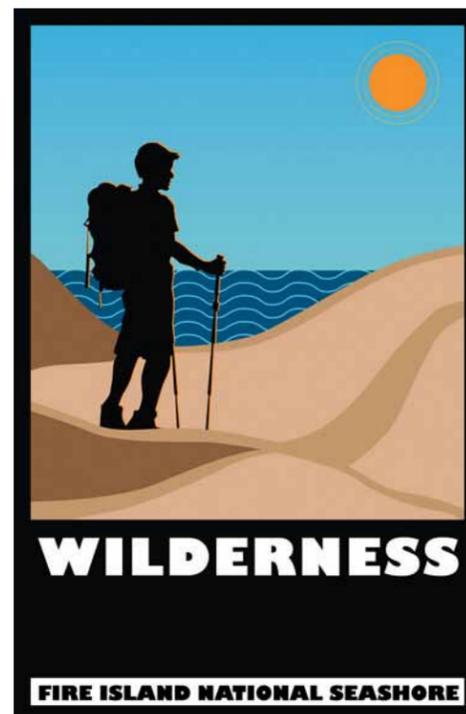
It's a beachcombing stroll by the sea. Discover ocean treasures washed upon the shore – sea shells of many varieties, mermaid purses, sea glass, garnet sands, and more. For all ages.

Junior Rangers: Migration

Saturday, August 8
2 pm–3:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Take a ranger-guided adventure to discover the wildlife that come and go from Fire Island in order to survive.



Watch Hill Visitor Center

June 27–September 7, 2015
Wednesdays–Fridays, 9:30 am–5 pm
Saturdays–Sundays, 9 am–6 pm
631-597-6455

Directions

By ferry via the Patchogue/ Watch Hill Ferry
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

From LIE (I-495) to Exit 61 south (County Rd. 19) or Sunrise Hwy (Rt 27) to Exit 52 south (County Rd. 19). Approx. 1 mile, bear left onto West Avenue. Cross Main Street and terminal is about 1/2 mile down.

Guided Canoe Tour: Salt Marsh Exploration

Saturdays & Sundays;
June 27–September 6

11 am–1 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center

Reservations required; starting at 10 am the day of the program at the visitor center.

Glide along on a guided canoe tour of the Seashore's most extensive salt marsh. Explore the vast and beautiful "sea of green" and the specialized plants and animals that make up one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets provided. Space is limited to 20 paddlers (2 paddlers per canoe) and one passenger per canoe. Participants must be 16 and older to paddle. Participants must be able to swim. Children under the age of 6 are not permitted on the trip.



Catch of the Day

Sundays; June 28–August 30
2 pm–3:30 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center

The Great South Bay is rich with fish, crabs and other marine life. Help sample the bay creatures with a seine net and test the water to learn about the health of the bay ecosystem. Participants must wear water shoes. For all ages.

Watch Hill to Long Cove Ramble
Saturdays; July 4, & September 5
11 am–1 pm

Watch Hill Dune Station

Wilderness enthusiasts and beach lovers can join this 2-mile guided round-trip hike from Watch Hill to Long Cove. Once a small seaside community, Long Cove is now within the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness, New York State's only federally designated wilderness. Journey over sand and through time as you explore the natural and human history of this wild landscape.

Exploring a Dynamic Seashore
Sunday, July 5

2 pm–3:30 pm

Watch Hill Dune Station

Visit the ocean shore with a park ranger and explore how the wind and waves sculpt the beach, how dunes are formed, and how minerals in the sand tell a history lesson. For all ages.

Surf Rescue Demonstration

Saturdays; July 25 & August 15
11 am–12 Noon

Watch Hill Lifeguard Stand

Meet Fire Island's finest, our surf guards. Learn about swimming safety and about the techniques used in surf rescues. For all ages.

BE PREPARED! For all outdoor park programs: dress for the weather, wear sun protection and insect repellent, and bring drinking water.

Fire Island Fridays

7 pm–8 pm (unless otherwise noted)
Watch Hill Dune Station

Fire Island at 50—Reflecting on the Past and Looking to the Future
Friday, July 3

Bats—The Secret Life of Night Flyers
Friday, July 10

Fire Island Harvest
Friday, July 17

Sharks, Skates, & Rays—Oh My!
Friday, July 24

Catching the Light—Photography Workshop
Friday, July 31

Summer Stars & Constellations (8 pm–9:30 pm)
Friday, August 7

Watch Hill Nightlife
Friday, August 14

Nature's Coast Guard—How Barrier Islands Weather Storms
Friday, August 21

Whales, Sea Turtles, & Seals
Friday, August 28



Snapper Derby

Saturday, August 22
10 am–3 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center

You've got to have a line in to win! Fish for snappers (a.k.a. baby bluefish) Bring your fishing pole or use one of ours. Prizes for the biggest fish. For kids, ages 7 to 14, and their caregivers.

Jr. Ranger Programs

Saturdays; July 4–September 5
2 pm–3:30 pm

Watch Hill Dune Station

See page 7 for details.



Sailors Haven Visitor Center

June 27–September 7, 2015
Wednesdays–Fridays, 10 am–5 pm
Saturdays–Sundays, 10 am–6 pm
631-597-6183

Directions

By ferry via the Sayville Ferry
41 River Road Sayville, NY 11782

LIE (I-495) or Sunrise Hwy. (Rt.27) to Nicholls Rd. (Rt.97) south. Approx. 5.5 miles to Montauk Hwy. (Rt. 85), make right. Make left at Foster Ave. Follow green & white “Fire Island Ferry” signs to terminal. (Fee for parking)

Sunken Forest Tour

Wednesdays–Sundays;
June 27–September 6
11:15 am–1 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Explore Fire Island’s wilder side and its special blend of barrier island ecology during this guided tour of the Sunken Forest—a 300–350 year old globally rare holly maritime forest. Find out how this unusual forest came to be, how the specialized plants and animals of this ecosystem interact, and how humans have influenced and are influenced by this unique place.



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11 am–12 Noon

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Barrier Island

Beach to Bay Discovery

Sundays; July 19 & August 16
2 pm–4 pm

Sailors Haven Dune Crossing

Travel through space and time on this cross island hike. Visit swale, maritime forest, and remnant marshes on the island’s lee side.

Explore barrier island evolution, the specialized environmental conditions, and the plants and animals that thrive on Fire Island. Bring binoculars if you have them. Geared for adults.

Cherry Grove to Sailors Haven

Thursday, August 6
10 am–1 pm

Cherry Grove Post Office

Walk and talk with long-time Cherry Grove resident Paul Jablonski, and National Park Ranger Dave. Explore Fire Island’s culture, history, and nature as you walk through one of Fire Island’s first communities—1 hr. Continue on, if you choose, through back dunes, swale, and an ancient maritime forest—2 hrs. Total tour is approximately 3 hrs.—3 miles.

Summer Stars & Constellations

Saturday, August 8
8 pm–9:30 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Bring the family and join star pro Tom Carey for this star gazing program. After an indoor presentation, head outdoors to view the stars and constellations above Fire Island. Telescopes will be provided. For all ages.

Snapper Derby

Sunday, August 23
10 am–3 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

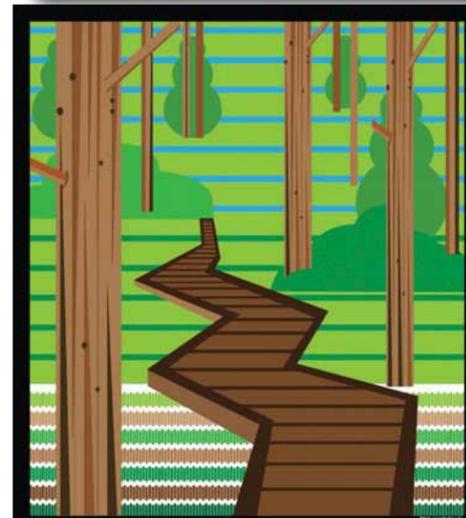
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Sailors Haven Visitor Center

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**SAILORS HAVEN
SUNKEN
FOREST**

FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE

Fire Island Lighthouse

Open daily, year-round

For information call the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society (FILPS) at 631-661-4876 or visit www.fireislandlighthouse.com

Directions

By car via the Robert Moses Causeway
Located at the southern terminus of the Robert Moses Causeway, just east of Robert Moses State Park. Parking available at Robert Moses State Park Field #5. 1-mile walk west from Kismet. (Fee for parking)

Tower Tours

Daily, 10 am–1 hour before closing
42” height requirement. Fee charged.

14th Annual Benefit Art Show

Daily; through July 19
Fire Island Lighthouse

Local artists display their nautical-themed artwork. All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to FILPS.

Family Seaside Adventures

Wednesdays; July 8–August 12
10 am–12 Noon

Fresnel Lens Building

Reservations required. Fee charged.
Designed for parents and children to learn together about the nature and maritime history of Fire Island. Activities include seining for marine life in the Great South Bay, exploring the historic boathouse, and creating maritime-themed crafts.

BE PREPARED!

For all outdoor park programs:
dress for the weather, wear sun protection and insect repellent, and bring drinking water.

Ranger Time:

Talks and Tours by the Terrace
Saturdays & Sundays

July 11–August 30
2 pm–3:30 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Meet a park ranger on the terrace and explore Fire Island history and nature. Topics vary each weekend day. Seine the bay for marine life, take a short history walk, go bird watching or botanizing, and more. For all ages.



Evening Tower Tour–Blue Moon

Friday, July 31

7:30 pm–9 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.
Experience the sunset from a new perspective and view the night sky from the top of the Lighthouse tower. Bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking field. Sunset 8:10 pm.



National Lighthouse Day

Friday, August 7

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reduced tower tour fees all day!

Light Keepers

Behind the Scenes Tour

Saturday, August 8
9 am–10:30 am

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.
Follow a Lighthouse Keeper on his rounds. This bottom-to-top tour takes you from the Light Keepers workshop in the basement to the beacon in the lantern room and offers a closer look at how the Fire Island Light shines.

29th Annual
“Barefoot Black Tie
Dinner Dance”

Saturday, August 8
6:30 pm–11 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.
Tickets are limited for this annual fundraiser event. Enjoy a catered dinner and dance to the sounds of the *Tradewinds* band on the Lighthouse terrace. Open bar and silent auction. Prizes for the best theme attire. For information and tickets call (631) 321-7028

Amateur Radio

Lighthouse Weekend

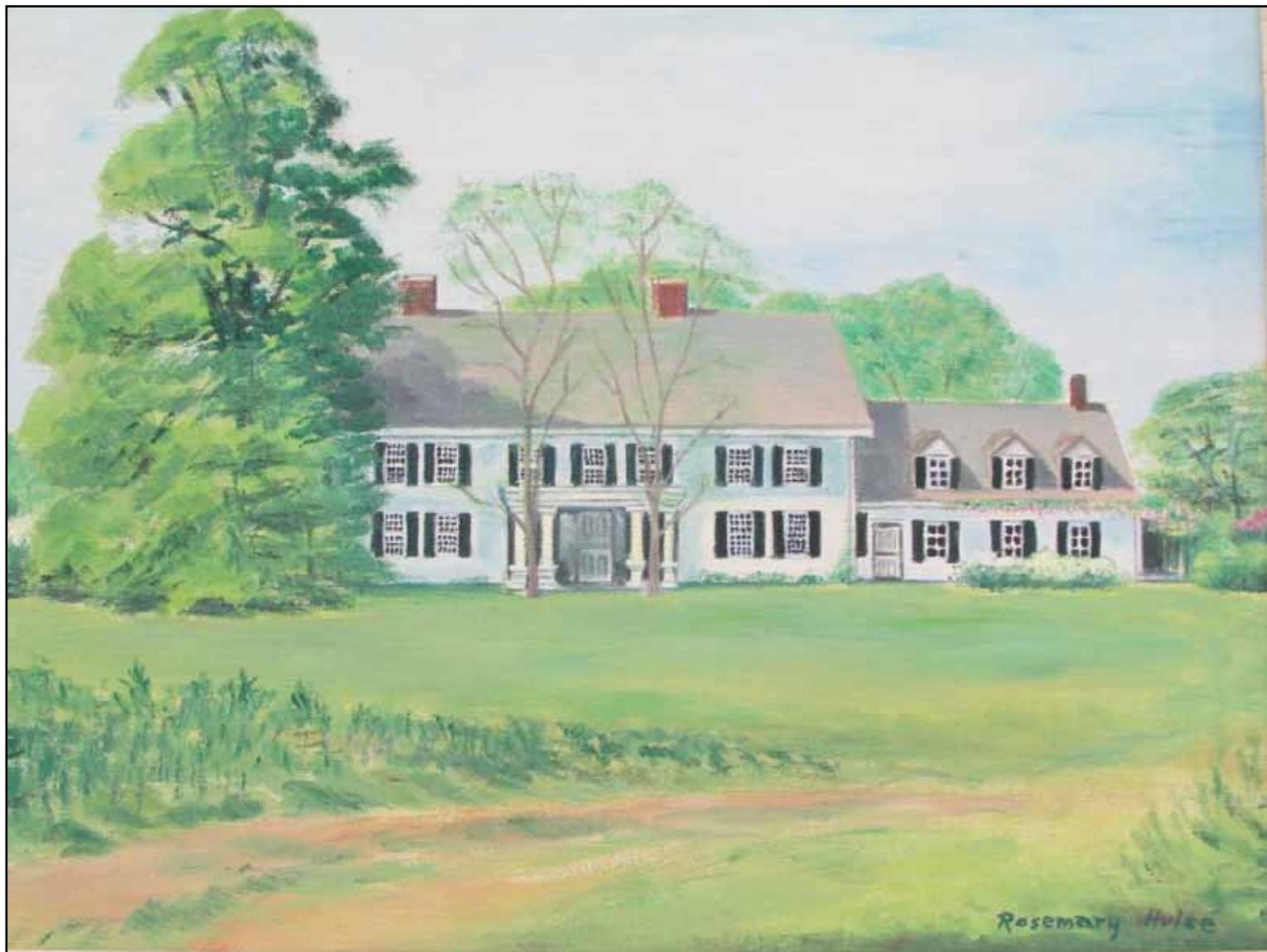
Saturday & Sunday; August 15–16
Fire Island Lighthouse

Members of the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club will set up their radios and communicate with other radio operators around the world.





Fire Island National Seashore
120 Laurel Street
Patchogue, NY 11772



The Old Mastic House, circa 1960. Oil on Canvas by Rosemary Hulse.

Save the Dates:

- Fire Island 2-Day Trek.....September 10–11 2015
- National Public Lands Day: Pollinator Garden Planting.....September 25 2015
- 14th Annual “Cruise to the Light” Auto Show.....September 27, 2015
- 50th Anniversary of the William Floyd Estate Special.....October 10 & 11, 2015
- Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Tour.....October 17, 2015
- Ghost Stories and Legends of Fire Island.....October 24, 2015
- Documents in Stone.....October 31, 2015
- In Honor of Trees.....November 1, 2015
- Old Mastic Bird Walk.....November 15, 2015

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